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## **Get free immunizations for school and save gas at the same time!**

That's the message from the Oklahoma County Immunization Coalition as they announce that free immunizations are given at seven convenient locations around the metro area allowing parents to drive shorter distances. The Coalition reminds parents of school age children that immunizations are required by state law to enroll in school next August.

According to Sandy Crawford, Oklahoma County Immunization Coalition Director, "Without immunizations, children may catch diseases that cause permanent damage, physically and mentally, and in some cases, death. Immunizations are a safe and effective way to protect your children against these dangerous diseases. "

Crawford went on to say, "These locations make it easy for parents to meet the school immunization requirements and use less gas."

**Free immunizations are offered monthly at the following sites by the Oklahoma City-County Health Department:**

**1st Baptist Church of Bethany**

1<sup>st</sup> Monday every month 8:30-11:00 am

3800 Mueller (West of MacArthur)

**ROC (Reaching Our City)**

7710 NW 10<sup>th</sup>

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday every month 1:00-4:00 pm

**Midwest City Community Center**

100 N. Midwest Blvd.

2<sup>nd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday every month 8:30-11:00 am

**Midwest City Weed & Seed**

3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday every month 1:00-4:00 pm

9233 NE 10<sup>th</sup> (NE 10<sup>th</sup> & Douglas)

**Latino Community Center**

420 SW 10<sup>th</sup>

1<sup>st</sup> Thursday every month 8:30-2:00 pm

**Jeffery D. Rominger Community Center**

3450 SW 29<sup>th</sup>

2<sup>nd</sup> Friday every month 8:30-11:00 am

**Oklahoma City-County Health Department**

921 NE 23<sup>rd</sup> Street

Mon Tues Thurs Fri -8:00-4:00 pm and Wed 9:00-4:00 pm

Other free immunizations sites are listed on our website at [www.okcic.org](http://www.okcic.org), click on Blue Cross Blue Shield Caring Van

A parent or legal guardian over the age of 18 must be present and present a photo ID at the time of immunizations. Any person other than the parent must have legal proof of guardianship or a permission letter from the parent stating that the child can have shots on that date. Each child must bring a copy of their immunization record. For questions, call: 405-425-4450.